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GENTLEMEN / LADIES

My NAME IS John Merzer And I Am HERE  
Today To Ask for your SUPPORT of H.B. 4458.

AFTER RESEARCHING THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF  
ALL FIFTY (50) STATES AND TALKING WITH ALL  
(50) FIFTY ATTORNEYS GENERAL REPRESENTATIVES  
I FOUND THAT ONLY (5) FIVE STATES HAVE A  
LAW OR BILL THAT COMPARES WITH H.B. 4458.  
NEVADA WAS THE FIRST STATE TO PASS SUCH  
A BILL. THEN CAME MINNESOTA, WISCONSIN,  
VERMONT AND FINALLY RHODE ISLAND.

SINCE I FIRST STARTED TALKING WITH  
REP ALMA WHEELER-SMITH ABOUT TRYING  
TO GET THIS BILL/RESOLUTION PASSED AND  
SIGNED INTO LAW I HAVE HAD TALKS  
WITH PEOPLE FROM KENTUCKY, VIRGINIA, WEST  
VIRGINIA, TENNESSEE, NORTH CAROLINA AND  
GEORGIA ABOUT GETTING SUCH A RESOLUTION  
PASSED IN THESE STATES.

NOW YOU ASK - WHY IS H.B. 4451 A GOOD BILL ?

ON OCTOBER 27, 2005 MY GRANDSON WAS LEFT TO DIE ON THE LIVING ROOM FLOOR OF A HOUSE WHILE (2) TWO WOMEN SAT AT THE KITCHEN TABLE AND HAD A BOWL OF CEREAL.

MY GRANDSON WAS (27) TWENTY SEVEN YEARS OLD.

MY GRANDSON WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO SLEEP WITH, DRINK WITH, EAT WITH AND GOOD ENOUGH TO DO DRUGS WITH BUT HE WAS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THESE WOMEN TO MAKE A CALL THAT WOULD HAVE SAVED HIS LIFE.

SINCE MY GRANDSON DIED I HAVE TALKED WITH SEVEN (7) FAMILIES THAT HAVE LOST SONS/DAUGHTERS, GRANDSON/GRANDDAUGHTER IN THE SAME MANNER AS MY GRANDSON DIED.

HOWEVER I BELIEVE SOME OR ALL OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED IF H.B. 4150 WAS/HAD BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW.

H.B. 4451 WILL NOT DO MY GRANDSON OR ME ANY GOOD BUT I GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL SAVE LIVES IN THE FUTURE.

THE ONLY QUESTION IS. WHOSE LIFE WILL IT  
SAVE? YOUR SON/DAUGHTER GRANDSON/GRAND  
DAUGHTER OR THE LIFE OF A FRIEND.

ONE THING FOR CERTAIN THIS BILL WILL  
SAVE LIVES. THE ONLY QUESTION, WHO?

THANK YOU FOR ANY CONSIDERATION YOU MAY  
GIVE THIS BILL AND SHOULD YOU DECIDE  
TO VOTE FOR THIS BILL PLEASE TALK WITH  
REP ALMA WHEELER SMITH AND THANK  
HER AND HER STAFF FOR ALL THE  
WORK THEY HAVE DONE ON THIS BILL.

THANKS

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